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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the members of the Kiwanis
4 Club of Aurora on the occasion of the organization's 100th
5 anniversary on September 20, 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, Kiwanis International is a volunteer-led
7 organization based in 7 regions: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Canada
8 and Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the
9 United States and Pacific Canada; there are nearly 600,000
10 members in Kiwanis and the organization annually raises more
11 than \$100 million, sponsors nearly 150,000 service projects,
12 and reports over 18 million volunteer hours to strengthen
13 communities and serve children; Kiwanis also sponsors about
14 7,000 youth service clubs with nearly 320,000 youth members;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Aurora is involved in many
17 civic initiatives in the local community, including \$40,000 in
18 annual funding to school and other youth programs; \$100,000 in
19 funding to the Aurora Public Library to build the Kiwanis
20 Children's Center; 4 scholarships through the Community
21 Foundation of the Fox River Valley which give \$1,250 per year
22 for 2 years to students; 3 area fundraisers, consisting of a
23 pancake fundraiser, place mat advertisements for various

1 events, and selling peanuts for charity; and 2 annual grants to
2 a variety of organizations that help children; and

3 WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Aurora is also a co-sponsor of
4 the "Coats for Kids" - Aurora program in partnership with the
5 City of Aurora, Communities In Schools, and various Aurora
6 schools to distribute free coats to needy children; in 2015,
7 approximately 1,800 new coats were ordered at wholesale prices
8 and over 2,000 surplus coats were distributed to Aurora
9 schools; and

10 WHEREAS, Women constitute about 26% of total members in
11 Kiwanis International; at the 2013 International Convention,
12 Sue Petrisin was elected to serve as the organization's first
13 female international vice president; and

14 WHEREAS, The members of the Kiwanis Club of Aurora serve as
15 models of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people
16 of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate the members of the Kiwanis Club of Aurora on the
20 occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary and wish them
21 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Kiwanis Club of Aurora as a symbol of our
3 esteem and respect.